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Flight of Colonel (retired) Rodolfo Mendoza in private aircraft accompanied by Ferdinand Schupp, former USAF Major who until 1952 was Assistant Chief of US Air Mission to Guatemala, aroused considerable interest over weekend. Police arrested three more persons and two others sought asylum; none of these were prominent.

Apparently fearing arrest, Colonel Mendoza took off June 4 from Guatemala City airport ostensibly for local flight and reportedly picked up Schupp at undisclosed landing strip. It is probable he also picked up brother, Colonel Miguel Mendoza, who has been mentioned recently in connection with anti-government plotting. Plane reportedly arrived safely in San Salvador. Another brother, Colonel Oscar Mendoza is Guatemalan military attache in Cuba.

Schupp's connection with alleged plots not known. He resigned from Air Force early in 1952 to engage in agricultural venture with Martir Peado Velez, former Mayor of Guatemala City and more recently was employed as pilot by United Fruit Company. His family is in US.

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